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# Information Sheet

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### **Background:**

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA's) Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups (CHALENG) strengthens alliances with the community by conducting ongoing needs assessments, planning, and partnering with faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) to meet the needs of homeless veterans. CHALENG has created a pilot project entitled, Restored Vision for Homeless Veterans, to partner with faith-based and community organizations in order to provide eyeglasses to veterans who are ineligible for eyeglasses from VA.

### **Goal of the Program:**

VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (VR&E) will implement a national partnership with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of the United States of America to demonstrate the effectiveness of government and FBCOs working together to deliver employment opportunities and supportive services to service-connected disabled veterans.

### **How You Can Participate:**

FBCOs can participate by identifying service-connected disabled veterans within their organization and community that are unemployed or under-employed or may need supportive services and inform them about this initiative and who to contact to obtain additional information. Additionally, FBCOs are invited to contact VR&E to discuss how they can become involved in a similar partnership.

### **Initial Program Sites:**

Montgomery, AL  
Seattle, WA  
Detroit, MI  
St. Louis, MO

### **For More Information, contact:**

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